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# Utah Crop Progress & Conditions

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## Agricultural Summary

Utah counties this past week experienced a violent storm cell that hit Tooele, Utah, and Salt lake counties. Some areas reported wind speeds exceeding 90 mph and rain fall of up to 2 inches. The number of days suitable for field work was 5.9, lower than last week's mark. Temperatures are down, compared to the previous week.

## Field Crops Summary

Cache County, due to the storm, has slowed grain harvest, but corn still looks great. Weber reported that the heavy rains set Corn Mites back about a week. Rain received on August 1st filled the soil with moisture 9 inches deep. We have received reports of downed grain across the state that may slow harvest in those areas and some concern over shattered heads. Box Elder reports that corn production is expected to be higher than anticipated earlier in the year, due to warmer temperatures. Wayne County reports concern that some fields have received heavy rains for a number of days.

## Livestock Summary

In Northern Utah, counties report no concern for lack of feed, many valley meadows still producing adequate feed for cattle and calves, yet in other parts of Utah, counties such as Uintah report that "feed is running out", and hauling water to the range is the only way to utilize them. Ranchers state that this is 1 to 2 months early, and report a 90% loss of feed on desert winter ranges.

### Livestock Percent for Week Ending August 6, 2006

| Item                           | Current Week   | Previous Week  | Previous Year  | 5-Year Average |
|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                                | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Cattle Moved from Summer Range | 34             | 17             | NA             | 9              |

### Crop Progress for Week Ending August 6, 2006

| Item                      | Current Week   | Previous Week  | Previous Year  | 5 Year Average |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                           | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Onions Harvested          | 10             | 6              | NA             | 2              |
| Barley Harvested (Grain)  | 41             | 26             | 30             | 44             |
| Oats Harvested (Grain)    | 21             | 7              | 12             | 28             |
| Oats Harvested Silage/Hay | 91             | 81             | 80             | 86             |
| Spring Wheat Harvested    | 47             | 17             | 24             | 33             |
| Winter Wheat Harvested    | 60             | 43             | 47             | 59             |
| Corn Silk Stage           | 75             | 61             | 47             | 65             |
| Corn Dough Stage          | 10             | NA             | NA             | NA             |
| Alfalfa Second Cutting    | 91             | 82             | 80             | 86             |
| Alfalfa Third Cutting     | 17             | 9              | 15             | 17             |
| Other Hay Cut             | 85             | 84             | 90             | 93             |

### Crop & Livestock Condition for Week Ending August 6, 2006

| Item            | Very Poor      | Poor           | Fair           | Good           | Excellent      |
|-----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                 | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Range & Pasture | 3              | 8              | 35             | 48             | 6              |
| Spring Wheat    | 0              | 11             | 36             | 48             | 5              |
| Winter Wheat    | 0              | 10             | 32             | 58             | 0              |
| Barley          | 0              | 2              | 17             | 72             | 9              |
| Corn            | 0              | 3              | 13             | 68             | 16             |
| Sheep           | 0              | 1              | 9              | 80             | 10             |
| Cattle/calves   | 0              | 0              | 9              | 73             | 18             |

### Soil Moisture for Week Ending August 6, 2006

| Item                      | Very Short     | Short          | Adequate       | Surplus        |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
|                           | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> | <i>Percent</i> |
| Topsoil                   | 7              | 34             | 59             | 0              |
| Subsoil                   | 5              | 35             | 60             | 0              |
| Irrigation water supplies | 6              | 18             | 76             | 0              |
| Stock water supplies      | 4              | 21             | 73             | 2              |